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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

November 14. HAIKONG, British str. 1,122. Harris, Kolo Sh. Nov. Coal—DOUGLAS LARBAIN & CO.

November 14. CHINA, German steamer, 645. Uldrup, Bangkok 5th November. RICO-MELCHERS & CO.

November 14. CYCLOPS, British steamer, 1,403. Niss, Nagasaki 10th November. General BARTER & SWINE.

November 14. CHEUNG HOCK KEE, British str. 956. P. W. W. 2nd November, and Silver 7th. General, KUN HIN CHAN.

November 14. CHUNGANG, British steamer, 1,851. Balowis, Wuhu 5th November. H. JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

November 15. INGRAHAM, German steamer, 894. Massmann, Newchow 8th November. Beans—WIELER & CO.

November 15. ANTON, German steamer, 396. F. AEREDO, Pakho 11th November, and Hoi-hong 12th. General—WIELER & CO.

November 15. YUNGCHING, Chinese str. 761. Lincoln, Whampoa 13th November. General, C. M. S. N. CO.

November 15. LINNET, British gunboat, Marisch, Swatow 14th November.

November 15. SWAN, American brig, 287. D. O'KEEFE, Yap (Caroline) 16th October. General—CAPTAIN.

### CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
15TH NOVEMBER.

Flintshire, British str. for Saigon. Cheung Hock Kien, British str. for Swatow. Fukien, British str. for Swatow. Metropole, British str. for Nagasaki. Kutsang, British str. for Swatow. Batavia, British str. for Amoy. Devawong, British str. for Kots. Anton, German str. for Holloway. Naupactia, British ship, for Kobe.

### DEPARTURES.

November 15. FUSHUN, Chinese str. for Whampoa.

November 15. NANGHAN, British str. for Swatow.

November 15. DIAMOND, British str. for Amoy.

November 15. CHIANGANG, British str. for Whampoa.

November 15. INGRABAN, German steamer, for Swatow.

November 15. KUTSANG, British str. for Vancouver.

November 15. DEVAWONG, British str. for Kobe.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Swan str. from Yap (Caroline).—MESSRS. A. Spins and J. E. Nait.

DEPARTED.

Per Zafiro str. for Manila.—Baron R. Poch. Mr. P. J. Peterson, 10 European seamen, and 10 Chinese, deck for Amoy.—G. J. Macmillan, Per steamer Harlong, for Swatow.—Rev. and Mrs. Macmillan, Right Rev. Bishop Chasen, Rev. J. Moore, and Rev. P. J. Macmillan, for Amoy.—Mr. and Mrs. Manisch, Miss Barret, and Dr. Howie.

Per steamer Devawong, for Kobe.—Mr. E. H. Mally.

### REPORTS.

The British steamer Cyclops, from Nagasaki 16th November, reports had fresh N.E. winds and clear weather.

The German steamer China, from Bangkok 6th November, reports from Palo Condore to Paracel to fresh N.E. winds; from there to port strong monsoon with high sea.

### AMOY SHIPPING.

November 14. ARRIVALS.

4. Echion, British str. from Tamsui.

5. Tito, British str. from Shanghai.

6. Ping Ching, C. E. emer. from Formosa.

7. Bullerwood, British str. from Shanghai.

8. Kutsang, British str. from Shanghai.

9. Shu-pang, Chinese g.b. from Foochow.

10. Woosung, British str. from Shanghai.

11. Hailong, British str. from Foochow.

12. Tsin-tung, Chinese str. from Swatow.

13. Dali, British str. from Hongkong.

14. Nanjing, British str. from Hongkong.

15. DEPARTURES.

3. Ma-ko Chinawatz, for Shanghai.

3. Cheung Hye Teng, British str. for Swatow.

4. Chintung, Chinese str. for Swatow.

5. Formosa, British str. for Tamsui.

6. Bullerwood, British str. for Shanghai.

7. Kutsang, British str. for Foochow.

8. Ping Ching, C. E. emer. for Liphthoum.

9. Johanna Kramer, Ger. sch. for Taiwan.

10. Kutsang, British str. for Swatow.

11. Chintung, Chinese str. for Shanghai.

12. Hailong, British str. for Swatow.

### SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

November 14. ARRIVALS.

4. Ravenna, British str. from Hongkong.

5. Ichang, British str. from Ningpo.

6. Teekin, British steamer, from Hankow.

7. Shingkang, British str. from Swatow.

8. Kiang-teen, Chinese str. from Ningpo.

9. Kiang-teen, Chinese str. from Newchow.

10. Pao Hua, British str. from Hankow.

11. Taku, British str. from Tientsin.

12. Tokamatsu-naru, Jap. str. from Japan.

13. Ichang, British str. from Ningpo.

14. Chingkang, British str. from Tientsin.

15. Heikou, British str. from Swatow.

16. Shingkang, Chinese str. from Tientsin.

17. Kang-pai, Chinese str. from Tientsin.

18. Peking, German str. from Hongkong.

19. Yilong, British str. from Chefoo.

20. Amoy, German str. for Hongkong.

21. Kutsang, British str. for Amoy.

22. Kots, British str. for Kutchinotzu.

23. Ichang, British str. for Ningpo.

24. Pechili, British str. for Kung-kiang.

25. Ingo, German str. for Nagasaki.

26. Feina, British str. from Port Arthur.

27. Taiwo, British str. from Hankow.

28. Sasebo, German str. from Swatow.

29. Wuchang, British str. from Tientsin.

30. Wan-chung, British str. from Newchow.

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## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY, 15th November.

EXPORT CARGOES.

Per steamship *Gætico*, sailed on the 7th November.—For Yokohama—3,019 bags sugar, and 1,316 packages merchandise. For San Francisco—22,074 bags rice, and 5,177 packages merchandise. For Port of Haydon—San Francisco—3,745 bags rice, 2,267 packages merchandise, 23 cases tea, 23 cases tea, for Overland Points—345 packages tea, 6 packages preserves, 19 cases silk, 149 bales raw silk, and 20 double cases raw silk.

Per steamship *Titan*, sailed on the 8th November.—For London—227,451 lbs. copper, 105,042 lbs. scented paper, 47,754 lbs. scented orange paper, 429 packages preserves, 209 bags copper ore, 30 bales pajum silk, 8 cases silk, 1000 bags coffee, and 520 bales hemp.

Per steamship *Yong-ho*, sailed on the 14th November.—For Continent—174 bales silk, 58 cases silk pieces goods, 70 cases essential oil, 300 packages tea, 150 cases silk pieces, and 48 packages sundries. For London—29 bales silk, 9 cases silk pieces goods, 50 cases essential oil, and 2 cases tea.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer: 3.04 Bank Bills, on demand: 3.04 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight: 3.04 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight: 3.14 Credits, at 4 months' sight: 3.14 Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight: 3.14

ON NEW YORK.— Telegraphic Transfer: 3.04 Bank Bills, on demand: 3.04 Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight: 3.04 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight: 3.14 Credits, at 4 months' sight: 3.14 Documentary Bills at 4 months' sight: 3.14

ON BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer: 2.23 Bank Bills, on demand: 2.23

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer: 2.23 Back on demand: 2.23

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank at sight: 2.23 Private, 30 days' sight: 2.23

SHAKES.— Quantities not— Shanghai Bank Shares—155 per cent. premium sales. Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$88 per share. China Underwriters' Insurance Company's Shares—\$88 per share sales.

North China Insurance—The 280 per share. Yangtze River Insurance Association—The 373 per share. China Insurance Company Limited—\$163 per share, no.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—The 148 per share. Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$87 per share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$83 per cent. premium sales.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—\$83 per cent. premium sales. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$116 per cent. premium sales.

India Steamship Navigation Co.'s Shares—15 per cent. discount. China and Macao Steamship Company, Limited—\$16 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$135 per share. Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$170 per share. China Star Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share, buyers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$9 per share, sellers. Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$94 per share. Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$85 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—In liquidation. Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company, Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Mining Company, Limited—\$10 per share, sellers. Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—A. 18 per share.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$82 per share. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium.

Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited—\$16 per share, no. Singapore Insurance Company, Limited—\$16 per share, no.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—3 per cent. premium, no. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, no. Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 E—11 per cent. premium, no.

Society for the Encouragement of Manufactures du Tonkin—10 per cent. and 25 cent. per share. Hongkong High Level Tramways Company, Limited—325 per cent. premium, no. East Borneo Planting Company, Limited—\$33 per share, buyers.

Crownbank & Co., Limited—\$45 per share, no. Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$124 per share.

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

From Meteorological Register, November 14th.

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## EXTRACT.

## EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES.

A correspondent of the *Leader* at Cairo supplies the following information on the employment and manufacture of the cigarettes exported from Egypt.—"The irresponsible writer who succeeded in starting a correspondence on this subject in the leading lay journal, before he was promptly discovered by Middlesex Hospital, informed the public that this form of smoking was productive, in his opinion, of malignant throat diseases. His experience is not borne out by European doctors here, who see, even sometimes, every day their forty or fifty cigarettes without harm, and without a single recorded case of cancer occurring in the烟田. But the succeeding letters of this correspondence call for no remarks until we come to one signed by T. M. D., containing a warning that the heat from the burning cigarette paper, or possibly the quality of paper used, may have influence in keeping an incurable form of chronic bronchitis. Now, in this favoured country we are informed from seeing much, I wish, but we do occasionally see cases of chronic pharyngitis not yielding to drug treatment. In some such cases I have persuaded Englishmen to substitute cigars for their thirty or more daily cigarettes. They thus smoke a greater and stronger supply of tobacco, but they lose their pharyngitis. This is as if the paper, or possibly the chlorine used in bleaching it, was the direct cause of the chronic inflammation. The only other evil I have ever seen from cigarette smoking during five years' hospital and private practice is a mild dryness patients complaining of a dry, rasping, hoarse, tongue, taste in mouth, &c. These will generally be found to smoke thirty or more cigarettes a day, and their dyspepsia will vanish when they gradually cut down their maximum to ten. The more severe symptoms of tobacco poisoning so well known in England are not seen among those devoted to the mild Turkish tobacco. By such I mean tobacco ambrosia, irregular heart and pulse, dilation of pupil, drowsiness, insomnia, &c. The last letter of the correspondence which has reached us here is signed by three initials, and gives the opinion of a medical officer, who served during the last Egyptian campaign. He states that it is "undoubtedly the case that opium largely introduced in the (native cigarettes) manufacture." He bases his belief upon the fact that he used to be asked at shops whether he wished his cigarettes to be "highly or moderately flavoured." The explanation of the flavouring is very simple. "Smyrna tobacco, which constitutes about 20 per cent of a second-class cigarette, is recognised by the trade as being inferior to Yenidje tobacco, and is sold in Egypt perfumed or flavoured tobacco, while Yenidje is called natural tobacco. The question therefore is a harmless one, meaning, Do you want much or little of the Smyrna leaf in your cigarettes? The question of adulteration with opium is worth a reply. Obviously, if the tobacco is mixed with opium, it must either be done in Turkey, where the plant is grown, or in Egypt, where the leaf is made into cigarettes. Now at Smyrna, where opium could easily be bought, its wholesale price varies from £2 to £3 per pound; and as the best tobacco only costs there 6s. per pound, it is not likely that either cultivator or buyer will go out of his way to doctor the leaves. At Yenidje and Cavalla opium is not grown, and must therefore be dearer than at Smyrna. In

Egypt opium is practically not grown now, and the quantity imported, as shown by the Customs reports, is only sufficient for dispensing chemists; moreover, its price is again prohibitory, the cheapest opium fetching nearly three times the price of the most expensive tobacco. All the sellers here indignantly deny that their cigarettes are doctored with opium or any other drug, and unanimously assert that good Turkish tobacco is so delicate that it will not admit of the least perfume or flavour of a foreign nature without becoming at once so changed as to be unmarketable. Yesterday I visited the four largest factories without warning, and as shown every stage of the process, and satisfied myself that there is certa. no doctoring of the tobacco at any of the four establishments. No first-class tobacco is grown in Egypt, and the Egyptian cigarettes now smoked all over the world are made from *Nicotiana tabacum*, *macropoda* (Daval), and *Nicotiana rustica* (Linn.), of which the finest plants are grown at Yenidje and Cavalla. The Egyptian merchants, who are all Greeks, maintain that they buy the best of the crops, and ship the produce off to Cairo to avoid the monopoly of the Tobacco Regie, the remainder being sold by the Regie. The proper time for sowing in Turkey is in December; gone is the measure on the land given the best perfume ultimately, and the delicate plants must be protected by matting from cold and snow. In April the seedlings are ready to be gathered. The quality varies according to the part of the plant from which leaves have been taken; the lowest are rank and very inferior; the small upper leaves furnish tobacco of the best quality, and the middle leaves mixed with a percentage of the smallest constitute afterwards the cheapest varieties of cigarettes. The gathered leaves are therefore kept in three lots, and when they have been well dried in the sun, they are pressed and made up into bales of not less than 100 lbs. Before pressing the leaves they must be slightly dampened by water in Smyrna, but this is not necessary in Yenidje and Cavalla. The two great points to strive for are colour and scent, and these are dependent on careful picking, seed, and climate. The seed ought to be renewed every second year. The Cairo merchants buy the bales on the spot about March or April, carefully sort the leaves again, and then ship them to Alexandria after they are once more dried, so that they may be ready for use in Cairo the following October."

## MENTAL LAZINESS.

We doubt if even thoughtful Englishmen, apart from a limited class of experienced and observant teachers, are at all aware of the extent to which many men and women are swayed by what is really nothing but mental laziness. Numbers of them, in fact, will not apply their minds at all, preferring any consequence which may result from ignorance, and emerge from school as ignorant as fishes; while still larger classes, possibly even a majority, may have the same impulses as regards particular subjects. Men are constantly heard to affirm in confidential moments that they literally "cannot" acquire this or that ordinary branch of knowledge, while they do learn at the very same time things much more difficult, and requiring precisely the same kind of mental capacities. Hundreds of men will profess positive inability to learn the commonest facts relating to any science but their own, even when their own is kindred to the one discussed; while thousands of women will calculate accurately all the measurements necessary for a dress, a really difficult process if accuracy to be attained, and then declare unabashedly that they cannot, no, they can not understand arithmetic, or calculate Mr. Goethe's interest on their own fortunes. Half-thus in the world who are not sensitive to music think it an impossibility to learn to read musical notation, and we have heard a man, not without power of reasoning, and with a special aptitude for mental arithmetic, declare that a "strong" mind of tuition would not enable him to comprehend a quadratic equation. Indeed, it is one of the phenomena of mental laziness that often reveals itself

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that it is the "reson" who is most daunted  
by a particular set of syllables, not one  
whit more difficult than those he has already  
mastered. The inability is not positive, but  
only relative, and is produced either by what  
we call "want of interest" in the subject,  
which may be either instinctive or "natural,"  
or by a sense of pain in the effort, that, like  
the pain to the arms in swimming, can be  
overcome only by frequent and continuous  
practice. If the necessity is perceptory, the  
inability speedily disappears, and that often  
in a way which at once indicates its source.  
It does not disappear gradually; it lasts,  
apparently, as insuperable as ever, up to a  
definable moment; and then, presto! it is  
gone never to return. The truth is, enough  
has been learned to awaken unconsciously  
the faculty of attention, or, in other words,  
to take away the pain of it, and then the  
natural power has its full swing. That is  
what we believe, the unvarying experience of every  
man who learns chess—which may not even  
forget—and of all except the few with  
"natural bent," who study any abstract  
science whatsoever. Is man possessed of the  
"natural bent" there is, of course, no  
hesitation, because there is no sense of pain;  
they learn without effort perceptible to themselves,  
as the savage learns the wilderness of natural facts necessary to enable him to  
fish or hunt for food with success. A savage  
never knows anything about the forest—  
except the myriad of minute indications  
necessary to tell him where to find the great  
maggots which he eats. He is compelled to  
learn that, and his mental laziness, therefore,  
does not stop him as it would if Sir  
Luttrell were to try to teach him the  
anatomy of a leaf. He could learn that  
anatomy if it were equally essential to his  
existence. We are not affirming, of course,  
that mental laziness is the sole cause of any  
failure to learn either in the savage or the  
civilised man. That would be to affirm that  
the world is composed of nothing but  
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